To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2841 without my signature.

This bill would significantly change authority for proposing and approving school district reorganizations statewide without first having tested such reforms on a more limited basis. The proposed changes would increase the authority of individual school districts to petition for reorganization, and reduce the role of the State Board of Education in reviewing and approving certain types of district reorganizations.

While I am supportive of streamlining the process for school district reorganizations, I would rather test such changes on a pilot basis before permitting the authority statewide.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger